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1. NOW THAT GOI HAS APPROVED SPLIT AFFINITY CHARTERS, EBMASSY ANTICIPATES CIVILAVIA WILL STEP UP ITS POLICING OF BOTH SINGLE AND SPLIT AFFINITY CHARTERS TO ENSURE (AS FAR AS POSSIBLE) THAT CIVILAVIA REGULATIONS RE AFFINITY CHARTERS ARE OBSERVED.

2. IN PAST YEARS CIVILAVIA HAS OCCASIONALLY DELAYED DEPARTURE US CARRIERS' AFFINITY CHARTERS UP TO 4 HOURS OR MORE IN ORDER CHECK WHETHER PASSENGERS ARE BONA FIDE MEMBERS CHARTERING AFFINITY GROUP. GIVEN STRONG ALITALIA OPPOSITION TO SPLIT AFFINITY CHARTERS AND EXTENT OF ALITALIA INFLUENCE IN CIVILAVIA, IT HIGHLY LIKELY THAT EVEN MORE STRENUOUS POLICING EFFORTS WILL OCCUR DURING 1975 SEASON. (ALITALIA DESIRES DEMONSTRATE SPLIT AFFINITY CHARTERS SIPHON TRAFFIC FROM SCHEDULED SERVICES.)

3. THERE ARE TWO WAYS IN WHICH SUCH HARASSMENT CAN BE HELD TO MINIMUM: (1) STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO AFFINITY CHARTERS; AND (2) SIMILAR CHECKING BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USG AUTHORITIES OF AFFINITY CHARTERS FLOWN BY ALITALIA.

OPTION (2) SHOULD BE EXERCISED ONLY IN RETALIATION, HOWEVER, AND AFTER GIVING CIVILAVIA/ALITALIA OPPORTUNITY TO RECONSIDER ENFORCEMENT MEASURES.

4. IN EFFORT ENCOURAGE COMPLIANCE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE IF APPROPRIATE USG AGENCIES COULD INFORM TRAVEL INDUSTRY AND US CARRIERS OF ANTICIPATED STEP-UP IN CIVILAVIA POLICING OF US CARRIERS' AFFINITY CHARTERS. EMBASSY WILL DISCUSS SITUATION WITH LOCAL CARRIER REPS BUT WISHES ENSURE US HEADQUARTERS ALSO INFORMED. SHOULD CIVILAVIA DETECT VIOLATIONS EARLY; IN SEASON, THEY WILL BE ENCOURAGED CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS THROUGHOUT PEAK SEASON.

5. FYI ALITALIA/CIVILAVIA CONSIDER SATURN AIRWAYS MOST SUSPECT CARRIER AND INTERCONTINENTAL CLUB, WHICH OFFER CHARTERS WITH PAA, AS MOST OBVIOUS VIOLATOR AMONG AFFINITY GROUPS. EMBASSY SPENT FAR TOO MANY MAN-HOURS LAST SUMMER ASSISTING US SUPPLEMENTAL CARRIERS IN CASES WHERE PROBLEM ORIGINATED THROUGH FAILURE OBSERVE CIVILAVIA REGULATIONS. EMBASSY HOPES US CARRIERS WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT MEET FILING DEADLINES. END FYI

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHETHER US AUTHORITIES WILLING AND ABLE PURSUE OPTION (2) ABOVE IF NECESSARY. VOLPE

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